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sent before 11 a.m. on day of publication. After that
time the 18th December, MARTIN'S ASTOR
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DEATH.

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of the 18th December, MARTIN'S ASTOR
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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 19th, 1896.

The last issue of the *Friend of China* con-
tains an interesting article by the Rev. F.
STORRS TURNER, entitled "Sir James
"LYALL'S Memorandum—The Opium War."
The question discussed is whether the first
English war with China may be correctly
described as "the opium war." Mr. Turner
maintains the affirmative, and though we
hold the opposite view we have pleasure in
recognizing the ability and fairness
displayed in his argument. He acknowl-
edges that "while the opium trade was the
"immediate, the principal, all but the sole
"cause of the war, it is not to be denied
"that, taking a wider view, there were
"other causes in the background." Elim-
inating the words "the principal, all but the
"sole," and Mr. Turner's description
of the cause of the war might be accepted as
historically correct. It is there that we join
issue with him. It was the opium dispute
that brought matters between the two coun-
tries to a head, but according to our view it
had even less influence in producing the
estrangement that culminated in hostilities
than had the question of the Spanish suc-
cession in producing the rupture between
Germany and France, though that was the
question which, nominally brought about the
war between those Powers. We know that
if a cable is strained beyond its strength
it will break; the question of the particu-
lar point at which it will break is
unimportant. So also we know that if per-
sons of incompatible temperaments have to

live together they will sooner or later
quarrel, and that it would be entirely
erroneous to say that this or that particu-
lar incident was the sole or principal cause
of the quarrel. Mr. TURNER says that it
"the argument from 'might have been' is
"as open to us" (the anti-opiumists) "as to
"our opponents. They freely assert that
"opium or no opium, there must have hap-
"pened, sooner or later, a war between
"Great Britain and China." The assertion
"is worthless. Nobody knows what would
"have happened if something else had not
"occurred." From that dictum we dissent.
Common knowledge of social phenomena
warrants the drawing of certain conclusions
from certain premises, and an impartial
study of the history of the relations between
Great Britain and China ought, we think,
to lead to the conclusion that war was
certain to occur sooner or later. The other
causes of the war, besides opium, are enu-
merated by Mr. TURNER as follows:—(1)
Trade, (2) extraterritoriality, (3) diplomatic in-
tercourse, and he argues each of these sepa-
rately to show that neither one nor the other
was a sufficient justification for going to war.
The list of causes is incomplete, but
taking it as it stands it must be remembered
that the real cause was not any one of those
enumerated acting separately, but the whole
concomitantly. Mr. TURNER's position, how-
ever, appears to be that war is a crime in
itself and is under no circumstances justifi-
able. There must part company with the
rev. gentleman, as we have no longer
any common ground of argument with
him. War is a thing to be avoided by all
reasonable means, but there are circum-
stances, according to our view, under which
it is not only justifiable but necessary. Our
war with China comes within that category.

The meeting of the Legislative Council which
was fixed for Monday next has been postponed
until Monday, 22nd inst., at 3 o'clock.

The O. M. steamer *Chingpo*, from Glasgow
and Liverpool, left Singapore for this port on
the 17th inst., and is expected here on or about
the 23rd inst.

A meeting of the subscribers to St. George's
Hall is to be held on Wednesday next at 6 p.m. at
the City Hall. H. S. Williams Robinson,
K.C.M.G., will preside.

To-morrow morning, between 9 and 10.30
o'clock, the steam launch *Devington*, carrying
the British mail, will call at Whangpo, and
returning, will call at the most distinguished
shores to 11 a.m. services at St. Peter's (Socinian's)
Church, returning about 12.30.

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In the person of Mr. M. A. Bapiste, who
died early yesterday morning, a well known
figure has passed away and one who was held in kindly
regard by all those more immediately brought
into contact with him. Mr. Bapiste, a native of
France, was that of an artist, and for a long time
years he was responsible for the scene painting
at the Theatre Royal, his efforts being
frequently rewarded by a call before the curtain.

In consequence of the absence of four fire-
men from the fire at 18, New Street, Hon. F.
H. May decided to order the whole of the
members of the fire brigade to be called out to
be confined to barracks from six p.m. to six a.m.
and only half the Brigade was allowed to leave
the barracks between six a.m. and six p.m. We
are glad to hear that the fire was extinguished
yesterday, and so the whole incident may
be said to be closed.

The body of the junkie who was drowned as
the result of the collision between a steam
launch and a police pinnace was recovered on
Thursday afternoon and yesterday the burial
took place and was attended by the whole of the
members of the fire brigade. The body was
interred in the cemetery and four of the crew
of the launch were charged with investigating
the launch in an interview. The launch was
thereby causing the death of the junkie. Mr.
Koster appeared for the defence. After hear-
ing some of the evidence the case was remanded.

A cricket match will be played to-day, com-
mencing at 11 a.m. at the Singapore Cricket
Ground, for the Singapore Cup. The match
will be between the Singapore team and the
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T. H. WHITEHEAD,
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